

GREEN HOLIDAY GUIDE: LIGHTS

Christmas Lights

Did you know old Christmas lights and light strings can be recycled for free?

- Light bulbs and strings are included in [ProductCare's Light Recycling](#) program.
- Up to **five strings** accepted for free drop off at most participating depots, but some will accept more!
- **Decorative items**, like light-up reindeer and artificial trees with embedded lights are **not included** – consider donation instead!

Choosing New Lights

- LED lights last **7 times longer** and use **90% less energy**!
- Using a timer for Christmas tree lights can help **reduce energy consumption** by **30–50%** (plus it's handy!)
- Turn on outdoor lights only at night, and limit their time on to **4–6 hours** for the **most energy savings**.

Lighting Safety

- Check for **cracked** or **frayed wires**, and replace the whole string if defects are found.
- Be careful to **avoid damaging wires** with staples, nails, or by closing windows or doors on them.
- Keep lights **away from heat** sources.
- Keep natural trees **well hydrated**, and **unplug lights** before watering.